GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Finance Department – Public Buildings - Framework for Standardization of Architectural Designs/ Plans/ Elevations & Cost Estimates relating to Public Buildings - Constitution of 'Andhra Pradesh State Architectural Board' –Orders - Issued.

Finance (FMU-TR&B) Department

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The Government of Andhra Pradesh is making substantive investments in improving the status of civic infrastructure by creating new assets while also revamping/ retrofitting existing assets such as school buildings, hospital buildings, government office buildings, sports complexes, cultural centers, public utility buildings, etc. for better service delivery and providing convenience to the public. The aforesaid investments are being made through schemes funded by the State Government as well as the Central Government and by the state owned entities for both greenfield and brownfield assets.

2. Currently, the works relating to public buildings are being executed by multiple Government Departments through their engineering wings. It is observed that there is lack of standardization across departments in terms of architectural designs, plans, elevations, estimation of costs, etc. due to disparities in availability of architectural expertise, sanctioned budget, execution timelines and other such factors. This is leading to sub-optimal outcomes in terms of utility of space and resources, while there is scope to yield optimized design efficiencies by adoption of life cycle & cost-effective approaches, employ climate resilience & energy efficient techniques & create coherence and uniqueness in building designs.

3. In view of the above, there is an imperative need to establish a mechanism at the Sstate level for standardization of architectural designs, plans, elevation, cost estimates, etc. and for ensuring that the outcomes are realized on the field a series of consultative meetings were held with key departments on 'Establishment of Andhra Pradesh State Architectural Board', under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, Finance, GoAP on 06-07-2020, 20-8-2020, 9-9-2020, 30-9-2020, 26-10-2020, at APSFC Office, Vijayawada.

4. In furtherance of the above objective, and after careful examination of the matter, the Government hereby constitutes the 'Andhra Pradesh

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State Architectural Board (APSAB or the Board)' under the Finance department under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for Finance. The constitution of the Board shall be as follows:

1	Hon'ble Finance Minister	Chairman
2	Principal Finance Secretary	Member
3	Principal Secretary to Government, Roads & Buildings Department	Member
4	Secretary,Finance i/c of Works Departments.	Member Convener
5	Secretary to Government / Head of the Department with subject experience (to be nominated by the Chairman)	Member
6	Director, Town & Country Planning, AP	Member
7	Director, School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada	Member
8	Director, National Institute of Design, Vijayawada	Member
9	Representative of Indian Association of Architects	Member
10	State Architect, TR&B Department	Member & OSD to the Board
11	DFA, Finance Department	Member
12	Industry experts (4 Nos.) (to be nominated by the Board)	Members

5. The functions of the Board shall be as follows:

a. Develop and publish policies, design guides, standards and manuals for creating and delivering high quality architecture and design outcomes.

i. Develop and finalize appropriate type designs based on need and functionalities of buildings.

ii. Architectural standardization of various functional spaces, colour schemes, materials, architectural features, anthropometry elements, climatology features, ergonomics including furniture and interiors, and/or any such other relevant aspects as may be necessary, for each functional structure to be developed.

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iii. Prescribe operational procedures including eligibility criterion for projects (such as threshold built up area/value of the projects/units of construction) to give effect to the prepared policies, guides, standards and manuals.

b. Conduct design reviews to approve plans/elevations/sectional drawings along with the site plans sent forth to the Board by the respective line departments/entities, as per the policies/manuals published.

c. Develop and implement mechanisms including capacity building and training of line departments, conduct of scheduled/random site visits and other such relevant activities as appropriate to ensure that the published policies and manuals are translated effectively onto the ground.

d. Serve as 'Knowledge Hub' to the State -

i) Collaboration with industry and academia: Foster collaborative approaches across Government, industry and academia to provide thought leadership on design and built environment

ii) Keeping up with the developments and advances in relevant fields and to accordingly disseminate information.

e. Revision of policies and manuals as may be necessary, from time to time.

f. Undertake period reviews of implementation of the policies of the Board.

6. The policies, design guides, standards, manuals and implementation protocols developed and published by the APSAB shall be binding to all projects involving Government entities and/or government funding either directly in the form of budget or indirectly in the form of support or guarantee for raising funding from banks/financial institutions.

7. The Finance Department may issue such directions as may be necessary for:

a) Constitution and functioning of the Board.
b) Implementation and enforcement of the policies/decisions taken by the Board,
c) Providing a support structure to the Board through engagement of suitable technical resources and/or a Project Management Unit (PMU).

d) Allocation of budget for enabling the Board to discharge its functions.

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8. The State Architect shall be the OSD to the Board and shall be responsible for overall coordination, liaison with various entities, pre-processing of proposals, placing the proposals before the Board, consequent issue of orders in the name of the Board, and enforcing the decisions of the Board.

9. The Member Convener shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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